



First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers

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Calendar



April 5-9
OAEL issues grant RFPs

April 13
Grant technical assistance session

April 15
Third quarter reimbursements due

May 10-19
Grant applications due back to OAEL

September 30-October 1
Program Managers' Meeting

October 11-13
VAACE Conference

Elizabeth Hawa, OAEL director, retires

Elizabeth Hawa, after 37 years in public service to the Commonwealth, is retiring as director of the Office of Adult Education and Literacy, effective May 1, 2010. Her steadfast dedication to Virginia's adult learners has been deeply appreciated, and she will be greatly missed by her staff and those who have had the privilege of working with her. A celebratory luncheon was held on Friday, March 26, at the Tobacco Company Restaurant in Richmond, with a reception following at the Monroe Building. Lan Neugent, assistant superintendent for technology and career education, will be in authority until her position is filled. Specialists at OAEL will continue to oversee grants and activities in the interim. Thank you, Elizabeth, for your outstanding service to Virginia.

"I have enjoyed working with Elizabeth and will greatly miss her leadership and advocacy for adult learners. Her retirement is the profession's loss, but I wish her good health, rest, and happiness in her retirement." Lan Neugent



Money Matters



Be sure to submit an original and a copy of any paper reimbursement request and sign in blue ink.

GED Numbers



3609: GED credentials issued in Virginia between January 1 and March 31, 2010, bringing the total for the fiscal year to 9964

Virginia chosen for OVAE's Policy to Performance initiative

Virginia has been chosen as one of eight states to participate in the Policy to Performance (P2P) initiative supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education. The program will assist states with effective policy development that will support college and career readiness for low-skilled adults and adult learners and will continue through June 2012.



Virginia's P2P team consists of Randy Stamper, OAEL; Gloria Westerman, Virginia Community College System; Beverly Donati, Virginia Department of Labor and Industry; Liz Povar, Virginia Economic Development Partnership; Richard Sebastian, Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center and eLearn Virginia; Linda Allen, Southwest Virginia Adult Education Program; and Caroline Thurston, Radford University.

Mike Mills, American Woodmark Corporation, Jeannie Baliles, Virginia Literacy Foundation, and Jim Andre, OAEL, will act as advisory partners.

For more information about this initiative, go to:

<http://www.policy2performance.org>.

Tech Byte



**VAELN is on
Twitter!**

**To stay up-to-date on
the latest news and
great resources
affecting adult
educators in Virginia,
go to
<http://twitter.com/VAELN>
and click on
Get Started Now.**

Welcomes and Retirements



**Jim Orndoff has retired
from his position as
assistant director/adult
education of Rockingham
County Public Schools
Adult Education.**

**He will continue in his
role as chief examiner.
Sandy Rinker is the new
program manager.**

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First Mondays commences



The Office of Adult Education and Literacy (OAEL) announces the start of a monthly newsletter designed for adult education programs in Virginia. *First Mondays* aims to keep programs informed of news and events affecting adult educators. Monthly features include calendar events and technology and financial notices. In addition, the newsletter will feature a monthly news event from a local program. We hope you take some time to look around and let us know what you think. If you'd like to make comments or suggestions or share some local news, please email Caroline Thurston at clthurston@live.com.

Local Spotlight: Prince William County's Rodney Caulkins



**Caulkins Construction, Inc. vans
carry Race to GED logo**

Having been a successful business owner for over 15 years, Rodney Caulkins returned to school and earned his GED credential. He now serves on the advisory council for Prince William County Adult Education and has set up a lifetime scholarship fund for adults wanting to return to school to gain their GED certificate. Caulkins' story received local media attention in January when it was featured in a newspaper article and in two television interviews. To see more go to <http://www.pwcs.edu/News2/announcements/510-BSneedCh9.html>.

VDOE Web site updated

In late February, the entire VDOE Web site was updated and reorganized. While we're still working with the Webmaster to fine tune the new layout, there are some permanent updates we want you to be aware of.

- ❖ The new site is arranged by topic, with a focus on instructional areas. We will no longer have a single page for Forms or Grants and Funding.
- ❖ To access the OAEL site from the VDOE home page, choose Instruction from the navigation menu on the left side of the page, then click on Adult Education from the Main Menu on the right side of the page.
- ❖ To access grants for the upcoming year, click on the Adult Literacy link under the Main Menu on the right side of our home page. Then choose the appropriate link(s) in the center for the appropriate funding stream(s).
- ❖ The Forms and the Regional Manager and Specialists grants are on the Adult Literacy page near the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy Stamper, specialist, at Randall.Stamper@doe.virginia.gov or 804-225-2836.